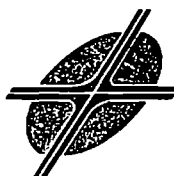


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## ASH GROVE CEMENT WEST, INC.

### Inter-Office Memorandum

Date May 8, 1989

To George Wells

From Ken Rone

Copies to Dick Cooke / Jim Post

Subject Progress Report

#### EAST TERMINAL

A ground short occurred after changing the plant electrical feed from the interim circuit to the new circuit. This occurred after all systems passed the hi-pot test. The power was rerouted through the interim circuit while the problem is being checked. The office was without power for one day. The plant operations were unaffected.

The transfer of cement from Ideal continues on a daily basis. We have operated like this since January 16.

The demolition crews have finished work at the raw mill and slurry tanks. #2 kiln is two-thirds complete and the precipitator building is down. #1 kiln, the burner building and the roadway remain to be completed.

Cement transfers from Montana and Durkee are receiving more attention. The shift by Asamera from Ideal to Montana combined with railcar shortages and the seasonal upturn, has strained the supply of cement. This will see some relief when Stoneway switches to Ideal for the HOV work.

#### WEST TERMINAL

We have decided on a system to protect the unloader buckets from hitting the floor of the ship. It will use infrared energy and detect the depth to which the unloader has travelled into the hold. It will warn the operator at any depth the operator chooses to be notified.

Plugs to prevent an oil spill from leaking through the drains in the wharf were installed.

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The ship arriving this week will have our largest delivery ever, 25.3 tons in seven holds.

Superior Quarry

Weyerhaeuser has requested an ariel survey, as required in our lease with them, to verify quantities mined at the Superior Quarry.

The quarry work is complete and the mine area has been prepared for a long period of inactivity. The stockpile of 100,000 tons will begin to be transferred to the East Terminal as soon as the ariel survey is complete.

Shipping

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| East Terminal Sales | -6,070 tons |
| West Terminal Sales | -3,263 tons |
| LSNA Shipments      | -1,827 tons |

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